Exhibit 2

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DEPOSITION OF PROFESSOR JEFFREY SEDLIK

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- Right. And so there is no license fee if 2 there is no liability. And what you are here to do is help us understand, if there is liability, here's 3 4 what we ought to be thinking about in determining 5 damages? 6
 - Yes. Exactly right. A.
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- A. And there is that last part that says "during the period." And I am not determining the period, and I did not go in and validate it. You asked a question earlier about, well, yes, you did go in and validate it because I went and looked at the website and archive.org --
- That's right. That's what I was trying to determine: What did you assume and what did you validate?
- I visited archive.org. It's a tool that many people use and I have used in the past when I am asked to validate things. And I could see that it was in use on certain dates, according to that record. But that was not an essential component of my work, and I wasn't asked to do that.

You could say I did it out of my own

there was any litigation involved.

2 Now, did this assumption drive you to make 3 opinions or form opinions on the idea that the fee 4 would have been negotiated between Sweetwater and 5 D'Pergo?

I want to give you an accurate answer; so I am thinking about it for a minute.

Take your time.

A. So as you have seen, there are multipliers in my report. There's two parts to the damages estimation or calculations and one part is coming up with a market value based on average offering for an image offered under a licensing model that's equivalent to what people actually use when two parties other than stock agencies are transacting business.

And because I don't have real world licensing data from Sweetwater or from D'Pergo, I had to go to the stock agencies to get my pricing points. But -- and so in doing so, that base value of the base license fees does not assume that it was D'Pergo's image or that Sweetwater used it. So that's the first part of my answer to your question.

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curiosity, but my opinions are not based on that. My opinions are based on this assumption. And if you folks, through your argumentation, come up with that it started on, you know, August 5 of 2005, then I am going -- and I am told to recalculate damages or that certain usages never happened, change the assumption -- my retained counsel changes the assumption, I recalculate the damages.

9 Understood. Thank you. 10 Let's go to the next paragraph, paragraph D: "Assume that actual damages in this 11 matter are to be determined, in part, by the fees 12 that a willing defendant would have been reasonably 13 14 required to pay to plaintiff prior to each instance of use." 15

Do you see that?

I do. And I should say that the words "plaintiff" and "defendant," that was handed to me. But it's just a willing buyer and seller. Okay. We could replace that, say there was no litigation.

So the -- this assumption did not drive me to assume that my example had to contemplate infringement is what I am trying to say or that

But to provide you with a full answer, I have to say that the second part of the calculation looks at the parties that are actually involved because if, for example, Guitar Center called Chuck Surack and said, "Hey, we want to use all of the photographs in your website on our website. We're going to make our website look exactly like your website. We want all the photos. What would you charge?"

And so there's an example of why, when you are calculating actual damages, if the identity of the parties would affect the transaction at the negotiations table, then you have to consider it. And to that extent, are they competitors or not? A competitor is going to pay more than a noncompetitor for a licensed image.

Can that similar image be found elsewhere? That's not necessarily contemplating who took the image. I can think of a few circumstances where it would. But, in general, that's irrelevant. It's just about the image itself. So that's the two caveats I had to explain.

So the second caveat, would that be the --

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what you called -- I am going to try to use your
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That's the -- I guess you have this one side that's just your -- what does it cost to license an image out there, a generic image? Let's get some price samples from the rights model that would have applied, in my opinion, and then average them so that we come up with a fair number. And that's just for a generic image.

And then the other part of that is now is it a scarce image or not? And then the other part is what you just asked, which is does the identity of the parties make -- would the identity of the parties, if known at the time of the transaction, make a difference in the license transaction? And, in my opinion, you have to consider that. The IRS might say otherwise when they are figuring how much tax somebody owes on their assets. But in the licensing world, you have to consider whether it's a competitive use or not.

Okay. So there's the piece where you have looked at photographs from the licensing agencies.

analysis -- and we'll get to competitive. But for scarcity, are you factoring in the identity of the parties involved?

Not in this case. But I did mention in A. that long-flowing answer that there are circumstances under which I would.

Possible you might, but you didn't in this case?

A. I did not.

> Q. Got it.

> > And then in the competitive component, you

are considering the particular parties in this case?

A. Yes, because it most definitely would come into play when a licensor knows that the licensee or potential licensee is going to use the image in a competitive way. The rates would shoot up.

> Q. Okav.

A. You would reasonably require more money from the licensee to use it in a way that competes with your own business efforts.

21 And haven't you also assumed there that 22 Sweetwater would have gone to a competitor for the 23 photograph?

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And you have provided us some examples of that, and that's part of your analysis; correct?

Correct. And I should say that, given more time and more budget, that I would go out to photographers and query them. I spend a lot of time talking to photographers about their licensing practices and pricing and things like this, and I don't know anybody else that does. But for expediency and because it is a relatively accurate measure, averaging three stock agencies' pricing is how I approached this project.

And so the stock agency pricing average piece of this does not assume that it's a D'Pergo photo or that Sweetwater used it. Am I understanding that correctly?

A. Correct.

Q. Okay. But then you explained a little farther. And what you said is you have also added in two concepts that you believe are important to capture the fee here. The first is scarcity; correct?

22 A. Correct.

> Q. And in the scarcity component of your

No. I am assuming that Sweetwater would have sat across the table from D'Pergo and said, "We want to use this photograph from your website. How much?"

Right. And you are assuming they would have gone to D'Pergo and not gone to some other source for that photograph?

from D'Pergo and the identity of those two entities 10 is -- would be important and relevant in any 11 licensing transaction, that, yes, I -- my calculations assume that Sweetwater went to D'Pergo . 12 13 But it would be a very similar calculation if 14 Sweetwater went to Guitar Center and said, "We 15 want" -- now I get your question. I am sorry.

I think, because they did get the image

You know, it would be the same, I believe, for other competitors. And, you know, companies compete in different ways. And I understand the nature. And I am not going to testify on it, but I understand about boutique guitars and all the discussion that's gone on about that. But there is some level of competition between the entities. The scope of that, I not going to testify about. But

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of the subject matter because that pricing is going to be the same if that's a picture of something else at the stock agencies. I mean, they are a commodity business, and so there is a measure of quality affecting price. And it's certainly in place in the whole industry.

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But if I put a picture of a potato in there, we would be sitting here at this table and you would be saying, "Are you serious? You have a picture of a potato in here." And I would have to try to explain to you why it's a beautiful picture of a potato and that the price for that potato picture is based on, you know, the stock industry's notion of demand for images. It falls into a class of images that are priced the same level.

- So just to be clear, your testimony is that the content of the pictures you picked as comparative pictures in Exhibit D is not important to determining an accurate average stock price?
- It can be, but it's not in this case. If that was a picture of -- there are certain levels of photography that are in tiered pricing structures at 22 the stock agencies where some are more or less

the quality of the image in question.

And, again, you have assumed that scarcity applies here because you have assumed that Sweetwater needed exactly the photo that Mr. Dapergolas took?

A. You know, there might be some level of scarcity associated with the pricing, even at the base level. An example would be there's a lot of stock photographs with two hands shaking or one hand holding a pen or, you know, those types of common -what you would think of as your typical stock images. And then you get into pictures like -- even in my examples where it's a nicely staged image. And it could be of a guitar or something else photographed with careful attention to lighting, composition, color, line, everything, and they price it accordingly.

So I had to get into the same ballpark as the image that was allegedly infringed and I did so. I chose guitar images because guitar images are not priced differently than trombone images or, you know, other -- most other subject matter except for very common subject matter.

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expensive than others. And there's editorial photography where it's a picture of somebody playing tennis at Wimbledon or some news event. And, certainly, if you go over there, the assumption is that you are using that -- those images editorially for news-reporting purposes. They have their own set of prices, and it says "no commercial use" and all of that.

But on the commercial side, I could have picked some of their other images of a similar quality from within the same stock agency, and it would -- and they would be priced at the same rate.

So going back to page 9 and your assumptions and the discussion we were having about scarcity, you applied a scarcity multiplier in this case; correct?

A. Yeah.

And that multiplier is based on -- the thing it multiplies is the cost of the images in

20 Exhibit D: right? The average cost?

> A. The cost of a generic photograph that is a rights-managed image that is of a quality -- it's a quality rights-managed image of a similar quality to

And then, yes, for the scarcity multiplier, it's based on the assumption that few images were available that would have been suitable. And that's proven by -- let's say, sufficiently proven by Sweetwater's own selection of that particular image which they had to go steal from a website instead of going to a stock agency and just selecting any image that shows guitars and/or necks.

So what drove them to pick that image and that image only and to use that image and that image only on their site and to go so far as not even licensing it when they could go get another image? Why did they want that image? Well, did they know that any of their competitors could be using any royalty-free images out there or were those images not of sufficient quality? You know, who knows if Guitar Center is using the same royalty-free image that Sweetwater is using? And so they made a choice that got them near-exclusive usage of a photograph, you know, that served their purpose.

I know from your report that you have been on the Electric Guitar Buying Guide as it's shown on the Wayback Machine; right?

A. So what you are talking about there in industry parlance would be called placement. So whether at -- you know, you have the level of website home page, which is more expensive than website internal page. There's no further breakdown. So you have a hundred pages. You have a thousand pages. You have a hundred million pages. The price for secondary placement on a website is going to be the same.

If you have many buying guides or one buying guide, it's going to be the same. But I would admit that whoever is handling profits would need to consider just all the factors that go into the sales.

Q. And do your opinions on licensing take into account that the image did not appear on the home page?

A. Yes. I did account for multiple placements. And what "multiple placements" means is does it show up or will it be used on more than one URL?

Q. And when you say you accounted for multiple placements, can you be a little more

that there were two placements of the image?

A. It appeared on two URLs.

Q. And so that is going back to page 8 at the very bottom there as subparagraphs to Assumption A. You have two URLs there. Is that what you are referring to?

A. Right. I wasn't suggesting that there were two copies of the image. I was suggesting that the image was displayed on two different URLs

Now I would like you to assume for

purposes of this question that these two URLs
represent simply an update/reorganization of the
website; some changing to the font, some other
things, but content wasn't changed. Now, with those
assumptions, in your view, does that still count as
two URLs?

A. In my view in terms of license practice, if I didn't have that assumption, that it was on two URLs, I would not select multiple placement if they were not on two different URLs at the same time. If there was overlap for even one day, then I -- then that would be a certain license period that would apply to the secondary placement. But if there was

specific?

A. There's an option when you are licensing. It affects the license marginally, the pricing. If I have a website -- companies have large quantities of pages on their website for several reasons. And two of those reasons are, one, you need to be able to display all your products and, two, you want to be found when people search search engines. So it's search engine optimization; many, many pages with dynamic content that loads are based on searches. It gets you up in the search rankings, brings in more customers. So you want to have a lot of text, a lot of images, a lot of pages. And then you want -- I am just not going down that -- keep going down that path because it's not really the scope of my testimony. But you asked the question.

So I will say that the -- the pricing would be affected by whether it is a home page or not. And then if it's not a home page, are there multiple placements of the image? And whether there's 2 placements or 10 placements, it tends, in most right-managed licensing, to be the same.

Q. Now, in this case, is it your position

no overlap, then that's a situation where, if that was proven and I was directed to rely on a new assumption that there was only one placement, I mean, I would adjust my calculations.

Q. Now, going back to Assumption F, which is on the following page, page 9 -- we have been talking about this. And the thing that I want to ask you about is you mentioned at the beginning of the discussion that you did some searching for comparable images that were available for a rights-managed license; correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Why did you choose only rights-managed licenses? Why didn't you consider other kinds of licenses?

A. For the reasons described earlier in my testimony, if Sweetwater chose not to go to a stock photo agency to license an image of guitars or necks -- and they made that decision. Nobody else made that decision. They went to a corporation and chose an image from their site. They happened not to license it. But when they made that decision, they didn't -- you know, corporations and

Q. And why is it reasonable to assume that Sweetwater would have been paid that instead of just going to a stock agency?

- A. So yesterday -- I bought this tie yesterday across the street. And you had to buy three ties, and you got 50 percent off if you buy three ties. And if I just took the ties and put them in my pocket and walked out and got caught, what are their damages? Is it for the \$50 off on the three ties? I chose not to buy the ties. I chose to walk into Brooks Brothers where they are expensive. You know, I stole the ties. Do I deserve the discount price? I don't follow the logic.
- Q. We're trying to figure out a hypothetical, willing buyer/willing seller. And you are driving damages of over a million dollars by assuming Sweetwater and D'Pergo. So there's no discount price. I am just trying to get you to use the actual method for calculating damages. And under that method, why do you get to say D'Pergo would have done this; Sweetwater would have needed that? Isn't that all irrelevant under the actual way you

- Q. So Sweetwater's use of the D'Pergo image is what requires application of the scarcity and competitive multipliers?
- A. The fact that they used their competitor's image and did not go to a stock agency or -- well, yeah, basically that, that they went -- that they used their competitor's image and did not go to the stock agency. I can't use a royalty-free comparable. I have to use a rights-managed. That basically says -- when you do that, you are talking about all photographers now, rights-managed, all photographers. Then beyond that, was it a competitor or not?
- Q. Do you really think Sweetwater would have paid \$1.6 million for this image?

MR. SHORTELL: Objection.

- A. What would -- well, I don't get to ask the questions here. So I have to say I think that it's highly likely that Mr. Dapergolas could have reasonably required a fee of that much or more to make use of his image of his own products that he took himself by a competitor.
 - Q. (By Mr. Sackman) But that's not the whole

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calculate this stuff?

A. No, because you have to consider where they got it from. Not in the base damages, which I didn't get from any of them. But after you get that base number and without applying a punitive measure, you have to consider who the parties were.

If you and I both ran law firms and there was a picture on your home page of your site that I wanted to use on my law firm site, you would consider that I am going to use it competitively against you in quoting me a price to use that photograph that you took and put on your website .

- Q. So in that scenario, why do you get to assume that, once I know the price, I might just say, "It's not worth it to me. I will go find some other picture"?
- A. Because in this instance, you used that -who was on which site? Now I forget. But the image
 was actually used and taken from that party; so you
 have to assume that the transaction -- that the
 licensor reasonably required a fee that contemplated
 the scarcity of that image and the fact that they
 are competitors.

- 1 piece; right? Because you still need the willing
 - buyer. So you really think Sweetwater -- even if
- 3 Mr. Dapergolas asked 1.6 million, you really think
 - Sweetwater would have paid it?

MR. SHORTELL: Objection.

- A. I think that's the image that they wanted and that they selected and that they used. And I am not in their heads as to what they would have or would not have done. But I know that they did it. And I know that, from Mr. Dapergolas's standpoint, you know, number one, he wouldn't have licensed it to them. But if forced to, he would have reasonably required a very high number.
- Q. (By Mr. Sackman) Doesn't that answer demonstrate why you can't apply party-specific multipliers to this analysis? Because you have said, "I don't know what Sweetwater would have paid, and I don't think Mr. Dapergolas would have licensed it."
 - A. I think the opposite of that is entirely inequitable and would -- why wouldn't everybody just go steal each other's images and go -- go steal all your competitor's images and put it on your site and

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- then pay 37 cents because there's royalty-free 1 2 images available for 37 cents? I don't think you should under actual damages pay a pen alty for the 4 fact that you infringed, but the actual damages 5 should approximate what the value of that license 6 would be and need to contemplate competitive use if 7 that occurred.
- And it's your testimony, as you sit here today, that the value of the license is nearly 10 \$1.6 million?

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The value of the base license is whatever that average was. The fact that the image is scarce is then calculated in. And there's a range there. And the range is much lower than what you are talking about for scarcity. It goes from -- I mean, the range is stated in my report.

17 But then adding the fact that it was a competitor brings the image up to a maximum of what 18 you are talking about, and that could change based 19 20 on the start dates and on whether this usage 21 actually occurred, which I understand is still under discussion, whether certain parts of this usage 22 actually occurred, which I have assumed. And so when she knows that no photographer, no copyright owner other than a stock agency offers royalty-free rights or subscription rights.

> MR. SACKMAN: Would you read the question back, please.

> > (Question read.)

- The number is based on my calculations. So you are asking me a yes-or-no question. You are using "reasonable" outside of the context in which I used it, which is what the seller could reasonably require. So you are using "reasonable" in a different context. My calculation is based on taking a base number and -- for a generic image and contemplating that there weren't a lot of neck images available and then contemplating that it was used by a competitor.
- Q (By Mr. Sackman) Sir, is \$1,583,450 a reasonable license fee number in this case?
- Based on the scope of usage and on the fact that the image was scarce and on the fact that it was used competitively, those are the numbers.
- 22 That's not a yes or a no. You have to 23 answer the question. Yes, is it reasonable? No, is

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1 those numbers could change in my supplemental report. 2

But your numbers -- I mean, I didn't make these up; right? I mean, if you go to page 26, your high range is \$1,583,450; correct?

I think that's -- I am not looking at it right now, but I think that's correct.

What page are you on, sir?

Q.

A. Thank you.

12 And, of course, you wouldn't have put that number in here if you didn't think it was 13

14 reasonable: right? 15

What the reasonable -- what the seller would have reasonably required, given the image itself and given the fact that it was a competitor. This is not -- I mean, I have shown the math. And if there's a -- you folks have a problem with the math and your expert wants to suggest that I have performed the calculations incorrectly, she can attempt to do so. I mean, she's taken a very odd tact by saying it should be a royalty-free license

it not? You wrote the report, these are your

numbers. So you can't just say, "Gee, those are the

3 numbers." I want to know whether you think that

number was reasonable.

MR. SHORTELL: Objection.

I will restate my answer, that the actual damages -- the total -- the range -- the totals in the actual damages, the ranges here, are reasonable, given the scope of the use and the circumstances of the use, the competitive use, and the scarcity.

11 Q. (By Mr. Sackman) So the 1.58 million is 12 reasonable, given what you just said?

MR. SHORTELL: Objection.

You have got my answer on the record.

15 Q. (By Mr. Sackman) Your intention when you 16 testify in this case is to tell a New Hampshire jury 17 that they could reasonably award \$1.58 million for a 18 license fee: correct?

MR. SHORTELL: Objection.

19 20 My intention would be to answer questions from both sides as to how I came up with my 21 22 calculations and to present my totals for the ranges of actual damages that would apply, given the nature 23

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correct me and say, "No, I did answer it. I said
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A. I don't need to say yes or no to your questions. Under your theory, Sweetwater could have said no to \$5 or \$10 or \$100 or \$5,000. Sweetwater could always say no because they could go to a stock agency and get a guitar image, but they chose not to do that. They chose to go to a competitor who highly values his images and who gets damaged when his competitors use his images.

12 Not Sweetwater, though; right? Willing 13 buyer?

MR. SHORTELL: Objection.

A. I don't know how many ways to answer it. It's not a yes or no. Therefore I -- I am telling you what I feel is equitable.

Q (By Mr. Sackman) We mentioned the Leonard v. Stemtech International case; correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. That case was decided by the United

22 States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit;

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1 Q. It's from Jarvis from the Ninth Circuit. 2 Mackie v. Rieser from the Ninth Circuit, Leonard v. Stemtech from the Third Circuit, and On Davis from 3 4 the Second Circuit. 5

MR. SACKMAN: And I will just read into the record -- I asked Mr. Sedlik to read from Leonard v. Stemtech International. It's at 834 F.3d 376, and it was on page 390. And that was the quotation that I asked him to read.

And the reason I don't want to provide this is because it's got my own notes on it, but I would be happy to supply a clean copy to counsel afterwards. I didn't think we would have so much trouble with what the standard was, but there it is.

Q. (By Mr. Sackman) Now, going back to Exhibit 2 and your table of usages that you referred to here, sir -- so we're on Exhibit 2, and it's Exhibit C to Exhibit 2.

20 We talked about the 12 years. Now, if you 21 go down to Usage No. 2, do you see that it says 22 10 years there? 23

A. Yes.

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1 Α. I believe so.

> Ω Okay. And then we also referenced that

3 On Davis case; right?

> A. On Davis v. Gap.

Q. Yeah. Okav.

And so I happen to have here a copy of

7 Leonard v. Stemtech International. And I wasn't

planning to mark this as an exhibit, but it -- you 8

9 know, it has a description quoting from On Davis, as

10 it would happen, of how you consider fair market

11 value. And I just -- I wonder if you would be

willing to read what I have bracketed there, sir.

13 Can you read it for the record, please?

> Fair market value -- do you have to introduce this as an exhibit for me to read it into the record? I think you do.

> > No. Go ahead and read it, please.

"Fair market value is often described as 'the reasonable licensing fee on which a willing buyer and a willing seller would have agreed for the use taken by the infringer."

22 Q. Thank you.

> A. That's not from Jarvis?

1 Okay. Now. am I correct that Usage No. 2 2 refers to the point of sale, which is the presence 3 of electronic media in the retail store that are 4 capable of displaying the buying guide? If you need 5 to consult something, go ahead.

No. I mean, I think that's a little bit more broad than I would say. You know, "capable of displaying" could be any display. I have seen for the first time in Ms. Boughn's report that she's claiming that the computers that were in the store before the interactive kiosks were put in were just computers that were on -- that were being sold by Sweetwater and that customers in Sweetwater stores would not actually use those computers to view Sweetwater products for the purpose of consideration of purchase of those products.

Well, they could; right? I mean, they had Ω access to the Internet.

> A. They could.

20 So that's what I am trying to get clear.

21 What's the -- this second usage, what in your own

22 words does it refer to?

23 When you have an electronic display or a